



## **State Revolving Fund Loan Programs**

### **Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source**

#### **PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**LUCE TOWNSHIP REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**  
**Purchase of Spare Parts for Flood Proof Grinder Pumps**  
**Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1**  
**SRF # WW10 09 70 01**

**Date: December 18, 2012**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Luce Township Regional Sewer District's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 submitted to the SRF on August 10, 2012, will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	<b>Purchase of Spare Parts for Flood Proof Grinder Pumps Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1</b> Luce Township Regional Sewer District 4060 N. Main Street P.O. Box 137 Richland, IN 47634
SRF Project Number:	WW10 09 70 01
Authorized Representative:	Mr. John Wood, President

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Luce Township Regional Sewer District is located in Spencer County in Southwest Indiana. The spare parts will be stored in a rental trailer.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The District needs spare grinder pump parts in inventory, so equipment can be placed back in service as quickly as possible.

The "No Action" alternative was rejected, because if there are no spare grinder pumps available, a residence could be without sewer service for several days. The selected alternative is the purchase of eight spare flood proof grinder pumps that contain mounting brackets and discharge piping.

### IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated cost for the spare grinder pump parts is \$16,500. The District closed a 20-year loan for \$5,702,000 with the SRF on December 15, 2010; the unspent balance of approximately \$1 million will fund the purchase of these units.

### V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a) (1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The District placed a public notice in the Spencer County Leader on August 7, 2012, describing the spare parts purchase.